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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-3 are amended. The amendments to claim 1 are supported by Applicants' specification at least at, page 5, line 30 – page 6, line 5 and page 10, line 30 – page 11, line 28. Claims 2 and 3 are amended to correct informalities. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Claim 1 is amended to obviate this rejection.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3 are earnestly solicited.

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Conclusion

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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